AIR INDIA	(In lakhs.)		
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
No. of Passengers	32.95	31.26	33.94
Average No. of Passengers (Per month)	2.74	2.60	2.82
INDIAN AIRLINES			
Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
No. of Passengers	76.95	70.54	70.95
Average No. of Passengers (Per month)	6.41	5.88	5.91

Impact of open Sky Policy on Tourism Sector

2179. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'open sky' policy adopted by Government is putting adverse effect upon tourism sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider its policy; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for minimizing its impact on tourism sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. On the contrary, the limited "open sky" policy declared for the period December, 2003 to February, 2004 was on the recommendation of the Ministry of Tourism and is aimed at meeting the extra rush during the peak tourist season.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.